(b) The Government had formulated the National Policy on Older Persons (NPOP), covering financial security, health care and nutrition, shelter/ housing, protection of life and property and welfare of elderly. The progress is monitored by the Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) and National Council of Older Person (NCOP). The Ministry has been providing financial assistance to Non-Governmental Organisations under the schemes of (i) An Integrated Programme for Older Persons (Plan Scheme), and (ii) Assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions/Voluntary Organisations/ Self Help Groups for construction of old age homes/multi service centres for older persons (Non-Plan Scheme).

(c) No, Sir.

Schemes for welfare of SCs and STs

2235. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes available to NGOs/Voluntary Organizations in Karnataka to improve socio-economic conditions of SCs and STs;

(b) the details of the NGOs/Voluntary Organisations in Karnataka which have sought assistance to implement various socio-economic welfare schemes for SCs and STs during 2005-06; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to motivate more NGOs/Voluntary Organizations to take up various welfare schemes meant for SCs and STs welfare in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The details of the schemes are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(b) Sixteen Organizations working for SCs and Five Organizations working for STs sought assistance during 2005-06.

(c) State Governments including Karnataka have been requested from

time to time to submit new proposals covering uncovered areas for the welfare of SCs/STs.

Statement

Details of Schemes available to NGOs/Voluntary Organisations

Sl. No.	Name of the Schemes/Projects for SCs
1.	Residential Primary School
2.	Mobile Dispensary
3.	Auto Driving Training Centre
4.	Typing/Shorthand Centre
5.	Craft Centre
6.	Non-Residential Primary School
7.	Ten Beded Hospital
8.	Non-Residential Secondary School
9.	Coaching and Allied Assistance for Weaker Sections
	Name of the Schemes/Projects for STs
1.	Coaching and Allied Assistance
2.	Award of Special Incentive for their Exemplary Services
3.	Establishment of Educational Complex in low literacy pockets for women literacy in Tribal Areas
4.	Vocational Training Centre in Tribal Areas and Development of Primitive Tribal Groups

Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for tribal students

2236. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved a new scheme entitled "Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship" to provide a liberal fellowship to ST students for M.Phil and Ph.D. courses recently;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;